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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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Re Bureau airtel, 4/29/68.

For the information of HQ, NO, and AQ, referenced airtel advised that on 4/28/68, a representative of CIA advised Bureau that a [redacted] had advised the American Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, that he believed he had seen an individual whom he thought to be ERIC STARVO GALT at the Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria, on the afternoon of 4/23/68. The individual was identified as [redacted] who is reportedly an employee of the [redacted] (address unknown).

A check of the files of the Passport Office USDS, concerning [redacted] was made on 5/8/61 by SA [redacted] with negative results.

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Files, Passport Office, however, disclose that one [redacted] was issued Passport [redacted] at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 10/4/67 for proposed travel to Nigeria for one year to work. The name [redacted] appears under purpose of travel. In application 10/3/67 at New Orleans, he stated intended depart NYC via KLM/Pan American Airways/Swissair about 10/6/67, not by organized tour. According to a notice published in the Federal Register on 3/16/67, this passport was valid for 3 years for all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

This individual stated he was born [redacted] at [redacted] and file reflects his birth certificate has been seen by passport authorities. He gave his permanent residence as [redacted] Farmington, N. M., and arranged pick up his passport in New Orleans. Listed father as [redacted], born [redacted], and mother as [redacted] born [redacted]. He stated he was last married [redacted] to [redacted], born [redacted] marriage not terminated. In event of death or accident, he requested that [redacted], his wife, be notified at his premanent residence. He identified himself with N. M. driver's license [redacted]

Following description appeared in his file:

Height:	5'10"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Occupation:	Welder

On the basis of photograph comparison, [redacted] does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted] Nigerian Desk, Office of Inter-African Affairs, Department of State, advised on 5/1/68 that the [redacted] or the [redacted] in Nigeria are unknown to him. He stated that there are many small American companies with contracts and sub-contracts in Nigeria. He suggested that the Department of Commerce be contacted to identify and locate such companies.

On 5/1/68, [redacted] Foreign Service Office, USDS, attached to the African Division, Bureau of International Commerce, U. S. Department of Commerce, advised SA [redacted] he could locate no record for a [redacted] of the U. S. doing business in Nigeria. He stated, however, that the [redacted], has address of [redacted] Lagos, Nigeria; further that the [redacted] has offices at [redacted] Houston, Texas, and at [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana.

HO and NO conduct investigation through [redacted] to determine if [redacted] is identical with [redacted], and if [redacted] is residing at Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria.

Copies of this communication are being furnished to AQ in the event further information is required in that Division to eliminate [redacted] as a suspect in this matter.

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